

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 31, 2006 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. Claims 1-5, 8, 10-14, 16-21, 23-26 and 34-46 are pending in this application. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5, 8, 10-14, 16-21, 23-26, 34 and 36-45 are allowable. Claims 35 and 46 stand rejected. Through this Response and Amendment, the Applicant has amended claims 35 and 46 to correct minor typographical errors. The Applicants have further amended claims 1, 10, 18, 42, and 43 to more clearly recite claimed aspects of the invention. No new matter has been added. As explained in more detail below, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit such action.

Interview Summary

This Interview Summary is filed in relation to the Examiner Interview conducted on July 21, 2006.

The patent owner's representatives wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for her time during the Examiner's interview, during which the status of the application was discussed, specifically amendments to the claims to provide clarity and correct minor typographical errors including limitations without proper antecedent basis. Examiner Nguyen indicated that the proposed amendments, while minor, would likely require the Applicants to file an RCE since a search would have to be performed. The Applicants, therefore, have concurrently filed an RCE with the present Amendment. The patent owner's representatives appreciated the opportunity to discuss the status of the application with the Examiner.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 35 and 46 are rejected under 35 USC 112, fourth paragraph, for failing to limit the subject matter of its parent claim. Through this Response, the Applicants have amended claims 35 and 46 to properly limit the system recited in claim 18. Specifically, the term "method" has been replaced with "system". In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 35 and 46.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 10, 18, 42, and 43 have been amended to more clearly recite claimed aspects of the invention. Specifically, proper antecedent basis was provided for limitations, minor typographical errors were corrected, and the overall clarity of the claims was improved upon. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced into the claims and that the claims remain in condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request notification of the same.

CONCLUSION


Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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